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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_1296A  
Akira OKUTANI et al. : **Confirmation No. 3930**  
Serial No. 10/588,969 : Group Art Unit 1615  
Filed August 10, 2006 :  
FEED ADDITIVE COMPOSITION FOR : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**  
RUMINANTS, AND FEED CONTAINING  
THE SAME, AND METHOD OF  
FABRICATING SUCH FEED ADDITIVE  
COMPOSITION FOR RUMINANTS

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated February 5, 2010.

Restriction has been required and in reply, Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I.

Election of Species has been required for both the protective material and preservatives, as set forth on page 3 of the Official Action.

In reply, Applicants hereby elect a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid having 12 to 22 carbon atoms as a specific protective material. If a more specific election is required, Applicants elect stearic acid.


Applicants further elect propionic acid or a salt thereof as a specific preservative. If a more specific election is required Applicants elect propionic acid.

Claims within Group I readable on the elected species are 1-12.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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